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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6566**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1034

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 30, 2015

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Lobbying Expenses of Political Subdivisions.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Culver

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill requires each Indiana political subdivision to file with the Indiana Lobby Registration Commission an annual report of certain expenses paid by the political subdivision relating to lobbying the General Assembly. It requires that the Indiana transparency Internet web site contain links to the reports.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2015.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) *Indiana Lobby Registration Commission (ILRC)*: The bill provides for the ILRC to receive annual reports from political subdivisions regarding expenses related to lobbying the General Assembly and post the reports on their web site. The bill requires the ILRC to post a report for each county that contains lobbying expenditures for each political subdivision within the county. The ILRC will also be required to inform political subdivisions if they do not receive reports from them.

It is estimated that implementation costs could be about \$500,000 for FY 2016 and about \$250,000 annually thereafter. The estimate includes salary and benefits for 3 additional full time employees, office rent, a separate online reporting system through IN.Gov, and other costs.

As of December 1, 2014, the ILRC's staff consisted of three employees (a part-time director, an assistant director, and a clerical position). The ILRC was appropriated \$296,000 for FY 2015.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** (Revised) *Political Subdivisions*: The bill requires political

subdivisions to report lobbying expenditure information related to the General Assembly to the ILRC on an annual basis. If a political subdivision does not incur these lobbying expenditures, they will have to indicate this to the ILRC by providing a statement of this fact.

If political subdivisions filed annual reports through an online system, the annual cost to each political subdivision would be about \$100.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Indiana Lobby Registration Commission.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Political subdivisions.

**Information Sources:** *State Staffing Report*, December 1, 2014; Chuck Harris, Indiana Lobby Registration Commission.

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